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Being A Little More Selfie-Conscientious

How and why you should be aware of the way you present yourself on campus and online



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Y our time at a university is a precious resource that can either launch you into the pursuit of your dreams or catch you sleeping while the world around you marches on. Few times in life will so many opportunities be focused in such a small area. What you choose to do or not do with your time here is critical. You never know when a relationship, connection, or opportunity will walk right into your path and which of your seemingly simple decisions could lead you to a new or unexpected road that drives

risk involved in trying new things. Honestly, you don't have much to lose. The absolute worst thing that can happen is the realization that something simply isn't for you, and that alone can be a crucial lesson.

Your time at college is also the ideal time to start practicing the work ethic you wish to have for your entire career. What you do here is not merely preparation for the rest of your life, it is a place to hone your skills and start to live the life you want to have later on. This includes being active and attentive in class (you'll get more out of the experience and you've already paid for it), dressing in a respectable manner (comfort is key, but use discretion on some days where you know you'll be making important contact with others), and putting in the time it takes to be successful.

Have a lot of fun and make some mistakes (they'll be hard to avoid), that's part of life, but don't forget to do things that lead you towards personal growth.

It's also important to remem-

ber a regular basis. It allows you to look over all the content you're tagged in and decide what belongs on your timeline and what things are better off being buried deep in cyberspace.

As for Twitter, I promise there's no shame in being a tweet deleter. As the owner of a fairly ridiculous Twitter account myself, harsh realities often set in when I remember that someone is archiving everything we say (and using it to sell us things) and that we'll have to publicly carry those words all the way to our graves (here's looking at you, Xanga account). After moments of intense literary inspiration, the truth strikes back hard when I realize: a) "Wow, you're not funny" and b) "It's 4 a.m.; nothing you say at this time is worth plastering on your digital tombstone."

The need for caution online includes everything from social media to blogs, personal websites, forum posts and many other outlets.

"All that stuff is just a Google search away, and we know that many employers, based on the feedback they give us, do check those things," Meitler said.

He recommends regular self-evaluations, but if you're ever in doubt, the career advisers at CES are always available to assist students with cleaning up their images online and providing other career development assistance.

"The odds are pretty good that if you're uncertain, it's better to be safe than sorry," Meitler said. For more information and tips from CES about your online presence, check out k-state.edu/ces/students/onlinepresence.

With all the potential pitfalls of online activity, it is important to remember that what you're posting can also be an asset to your personal brand and professional presence. Most companies and organizations have identified the need for some sort of communication through social media to expand their reach, so having a strong, positive account can help set you apart from other candidates who may not.

"Being social media savvy is becoming a more highly-touted skill that employers are looking for; it can be the icing on the cake," Meitler said.

The steps to watching your own back online are not time-consuming, but they will make a difference.

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Campus Engagement Coordinator, KSU Career and Employment Services

your future. Whether or not you're ready for this journey is entirely up to you, so here are some ways to be mindful of your presence on campus.

Whether you're on a brisk walk to class or you have some time to kill in your schedule, it can be tempting to plug in and tune out while you're around campus. The problem, however, is that you're missing part of the experience that makes campus such a unique and special place to be.

If you take the time to lift your eyes to what's happening around you, you may see some remarkable things. From meetings of campus and community organizations to heavy-duty studying, campus is buzzing with energy and activity. Choose to be a part of it.

With so many diverse activities going on, this is a good time in life to leave your comfort zone regularly. While inaction in college can be costly, there is very little

ber that your presence on campus extends to the digital world as well. This is not the first (nor will it be the last) time someone has told you to mind your p's and q's online, but seriously it's important. According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers, approximately 74 percent of new graduates entering the workforce expect to have their social media accounts reviewed by potential employers.

"Students would be smart to be responsible about how they're conducting themselves online," Jared Meitler, campus engagement coordinator for K-State Career and Employment Services, said.

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- 4 Don't miss out on these Week of Welcome events
- 6 Check out where to score free food, swag
- 8 We put together some easy, cute outfits just for you!

8 easy steps for improving your image

On campus:

1. Unplug yourself from your ear buds.
2. Take your eyes off your phone.
3. Ditch the comfort zone.
4. Practice good work ethic.

Online:

1. Keep a close eye on the content you're tagged in.
2. When in doubt, just delete the tweet or photo.
3. Do a self-evaluation of your online presence.
4. Start spreading positive messages online about your interests.

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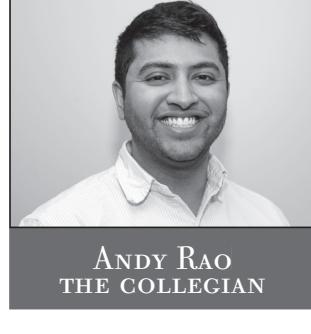
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Discipline, self-control crucial to college money management



ANDY RAO
THE COLLEGIAN

When it comes to surviving life as a college student, one of the first things you'll have to learn is how to prioritize your finances. Being away from home for the first time brings its fair share of temptations; parties, social events, and joining clubs and organizations all involve spending money.

If you truly want to make the most out of your college experience, you must learn how to live frugally and also learn how to work while studying. College is not just about going to class and passing all of your tests; it is also a period of time in which you learn how to be truly independent and prepare yourself for life on your own.

Managing your money responsibly is a big factor in gaining that independence. You may not be making enough to support yourself quite yet, but by following these easy tips you can make sure that you live within your means and still enjoy life as a university student.

1. Go get a job

This is probably a pretty obvious step in stabilizing your monetary situation. After all, there's no such thing as a free lunch. You will need money for books, supplies, extracurricular activities, social engagements and day-to-day living.

Unless you have a wealthy benefactor or parents willing to foot your entire monthly bill, it's probably a good idea to have regular cash inflow.

Not only will this help you pay for expenses, but it will also help you develop a good work ethic. College is very different from high school. You are not usually in class from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. every day. You will generally have 12 to 15 hours of classes each week, giving you plenty of free time to take a job and still have time to study and relax.

2. Take advantage of resources available to you

There are countless organizations at K-State that will help you get your financial situation in order. From Powercat Financial Counseling, an organization designed to help students organize daily costs and tuition repayment plans, to Career and Employment Services, which can help you find a job, the university has a multitude of free financial services available to students.

You don't have to know everything about money. In fact, it's OK if you don't have a clue where to start when it comes to budgeting and money management. But by doing a little research, it's easy to find

on-campus resources that will provide you with free guidance.

3. Keep unnecessary spending to a minimum

When you come to college, you are going to enter a world with a million different activities and opportunities to get involved in your community.

While jumping in and getting involved is important to your experience, it also leads to you spending more money. Make sure that you balance your activities with the amount of money that you spend.

Just because your dorm floor or your fraternity brothers or sorority sisters go out to eat every Tuesday doesn't mean that you have to go every week. Just because your friends joined five organizations and paid dues for all of them doesn't mean you have to as well. Your financial situation is unique to you, so remember to act according only to what you can afford.

The biggest components of living life on your own are discipline and self-control. There are going to be countless distractions that will tempt you to break your budget, but you must remember how much you have and what you can truly afford to spend.

Making your college experience memorable can be achieved by staying within your means and exercising self-control.

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Students pack the K-State Student Union ballroom on Aug. 24, 2012 for the Part-Time Opportunities Fair, hosted annually by Career and Employment Services. During the event, students are able to meet with representatives and community employers hiring for part-time jobs, internship positions and volunteer opportunities.



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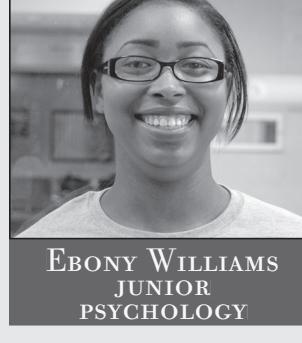
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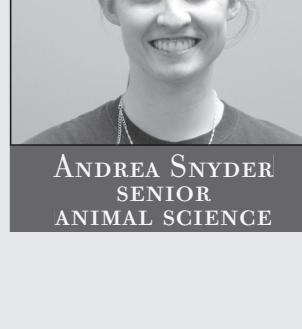
"I asked my parents for money. I don't think I stayed on budget."



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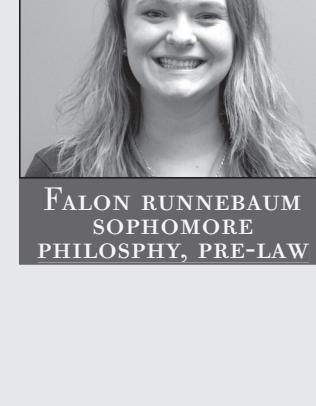
"I got a job and ate at the dining hall instead of going out all of the time."

“What did you do to stay on budget during your first year?”



ANDREA SNYDER
SENIOR
ANIMAL SCIENCE

"I actually made a real budget. I put in rent, (as well as) how much food and going out would cost."



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"I would always rent my books and make a budget and not go past it."



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Week of Welcome

A listing of Week of Welcome events spanning Monday, Aug. 25 to Saturday, Sept. 6.

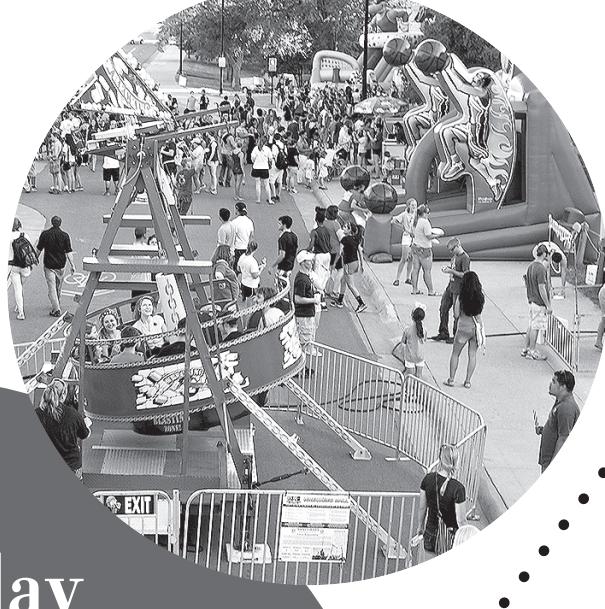
compiled by Lindsey Staab

Monday

Aug. 25

8 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Student assistance booths.

4-5:30 p.m.: K-State First Guide to Personal Success Kickoff in the Union Ballroom.



Wednesday

Aug. 27

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Career and Employment Services backyard barbecue on Holtz Hall's south lawn.

11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.: Financial refresher by Powercat Financial Counseling on Kedzie Hall's northeast lawn.

2-4 p.m.: Help K-State First find Patient Zero on Bosco Student Plaza.

4-5 p.m.: Kansas Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation program opportunities at Seaton Hall 131.

7-9 p.m.: K-State First KSBN and K-State Libraries WoW "Choose Your Own Adventure" on the second floor of Hale Library.



Saturday

Sept. 6

8-10 a.m.: Wildcat Wellness Coalition 5K run and walk on K-State campus.



Tuesday

Aug. 26

8-9:30 p.m.: "Can I Kiss You?" interactive lecture in the KSU Ballroom.

Thursday

Aug. 28

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Part-time opportunities fair in the Union ballroom.

6-8 p.m.: Union expo and activities carnival in the Union and Bosco Plaza.

6-8 p.m.: Wildcat Welcome Day at the K-State Alumni Center.



Friday

Aug. 29

1-4 p.m.: Engineering student organization fair at Rathbone Hall.

Tuesday

Sept. 2

5-6 p.m.: Kedziepalooza in the Kedzie Hall courtyard.

6:15-10 p.m.: College of Agriculture watermelon feed on the Weber Hall lawn.



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By SOM KANDLUR
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With the new semester starting, students at K-State will face the all too familiar pain that comes with buying textbooks. In its guide to understanding college costs, The College Board, an organization that promotes higher education and administers the SAT, advised students to budget approximately \$1,200 each year for textbooks and other course materials. With textbooks becoming such a financial burden, it's no wonder students dread the process of buying them each semester.

The costs of textbooks are

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Although used books have the same information as new copies, they are often noticeably cheaper.

high, but they are a necessity. However, using these steps will help ensure that you buy textbooks in the most cost-effective and stress-free manner.

Shop online:

Despite being the most convenient place to buy textbooks due to its location, the local book store is typically not the best place to buy them. Bookstores in college towns are notorious for being the least student friendly environments in which to buy and sell textbooks. The prices are often higher than online retailers and you only get a fraction of what you paid for when you sell the books back. The most cost-effective way of purchasing textbooks is to buy

them online. Online retailers such as Amazon, Chegg and Half.com are more competitive with their pricing when it comes to buying, renting and selling books. Price comparison tools such as booksprice.com allow you to compare multiple online offers for the same book to find the best price.

Rent books:

Renting textbooks is a great way to save money as opposed to buying them. In a December 2010 post on Mint.com, a financial management program, titled "Is Renting Textbooks Really Cheaper Than Buying Them?" author Reyna Gobel argues that in multiple scenarios, renting textbooks at half or even 75 percent of the price of a new book is worth the expense. The prices of book rentals vary depending on the book and whether you rent

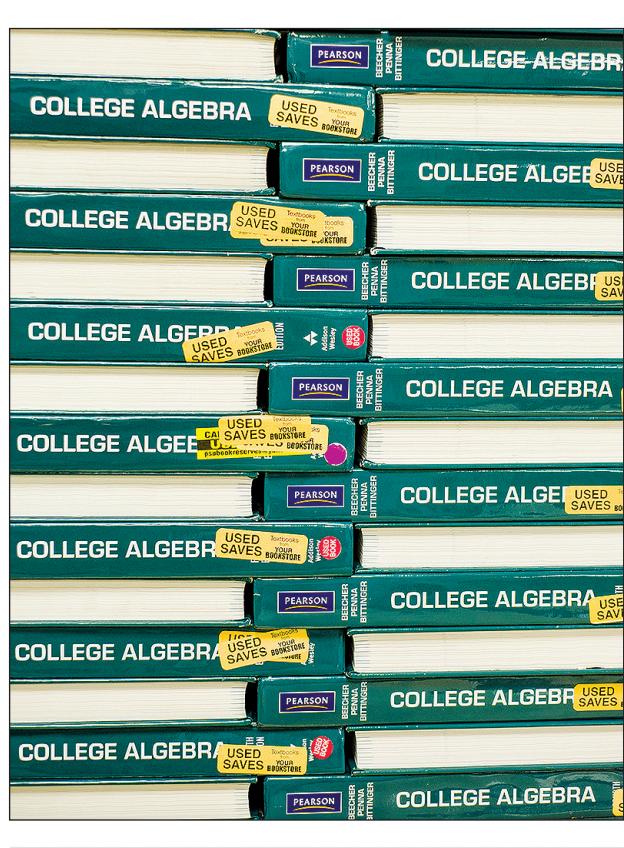
a new or used copy, but rentals are almost always cheaper than buying a new book. Online book vendors rent books at competitive prices and often offer free return shipping.

Renting books is typically cheaper, but you also need to take extra care of rental books so that you don't lose any money when you return them. Another disadvantage with rental books is that resale is not an option. To save on costs while not having to deal with returning books, you could also try buying used books.

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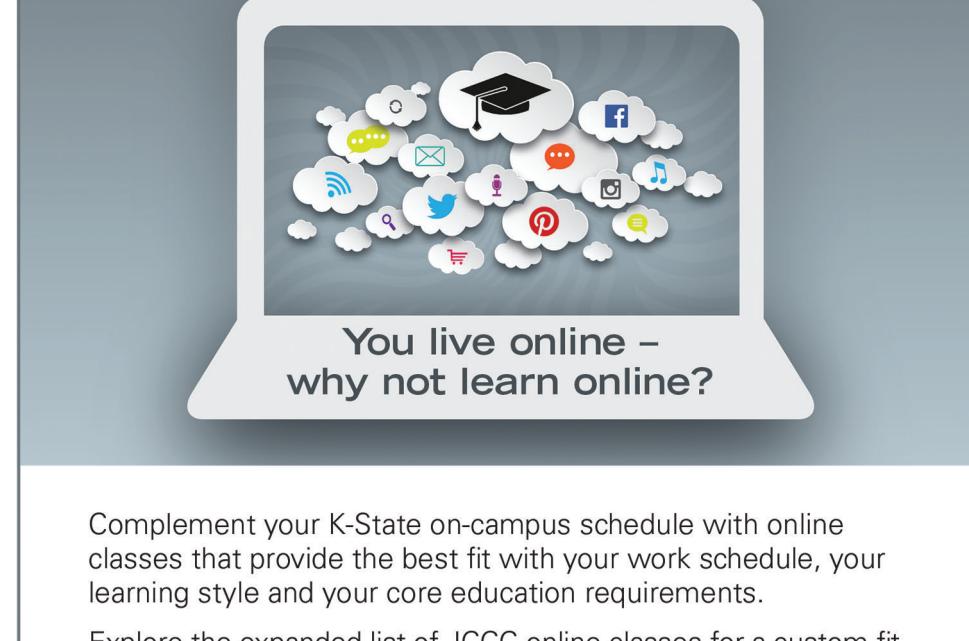
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Casual Day



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Men, for a casual day all you need is jeans and a T-shirt. Please, don't wear leggings.

Game Day



K-State game day is like our own, purple holiday. So get festive! Many local boutiques sell unique Wildcat apparel, and a Powercat tattoo never hurts (except if you remove it by scrubbing ... ouch!).

This festive advice works for both men and women. Don a purple Hawaiian shirt, cover yourself in body paint. However you feel you can best enjoy the game day, do it.

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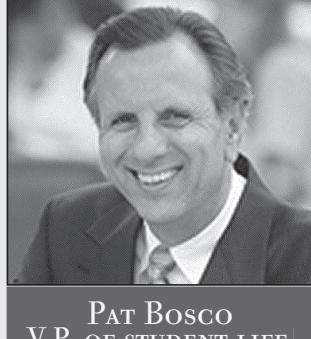


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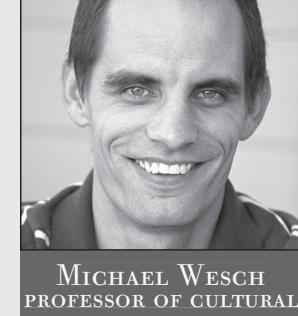
When I started at K-State as a student 19 years ago, I was struggling with those prickly questions that perhaps all young people must grapple with as they enter adulthood: Who am I? What am I going to do? Am I going to make it? I had hoped K-State would help me find the answers.

It didn't.

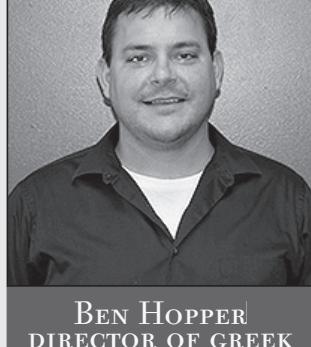
Instead of finding answers, I kept finding more questions. One day, while sitting in Dr. Ottenheimer's anthropology class, I discovered the three sisters of those questions I had been so desperately pondering: Who are we? What are we going to do? Are we going to make it? Over the next seven years I journeyed all over the world seeking the answers. It was a magnificent journey. And somewhere along the way I discovered that these six questions were, in all their impossible complexity, the magnificent gifts that inspired it all.

As luck or fate would have it, I finished my journey (and my Ph.D.) just as Dr. Ottenheimer was retiring, and now I stand to teach exactly where I once sat to learn. But don't expect any answers from me. If you would like someone to ponder the questions with, please stop by, or let's go to lunch. It's what K-State, and life itself, are all about.

Michael Wesch



MICHAEL WESCH
PROFESSOR OF CULTURAL
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BEN HOPPER
DIRECTOR OF GREEK
AFFAIRS

Manhattan summers are wonderful, but it's awesome when students return. Each fall brings a new excitement and energy. I hope you are as excited as I am for a new year!

This fall is a new beginning for me. For the past 10 years, I started each semester as the Union Program Council program adviser (I am the one that sent the UPC emails). In April, I became the director of Greek Affairs. So, I am getting to experience the start of a new school year like our new students, with new responsibilities, new friends and faces, a new schedule and new opportunities to grow and learn. And that is what you are here to do. Grow and learn. Each day, stretch your knowledge and comfort zone. Try something new. Make a new friend. Experience campus life. Getting involved will only add value to your diploma.

I am excited to be a part of such a great Greek community. This summer, many of our organizations were recognized nationally. Several were named as the top chapter in the nation. But, we can be better. We can do better. This year, our Greek community will defy stereotypes, exceed standards and maximize potential.

Let's have a great year! Thanks for bringing energy and excitement ... here's to a new beginning!

Ben Hopper

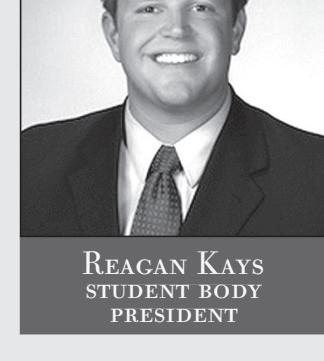
Welcome to the start of a truly incredible experience. There's really no place like K-State, and regardless of what roads brought you here, we're excited to call you a member of the family. These four years, give or take, will be some of the most memorable of your life – be sure to make 'em count.

As the elected representatives of the student body, Cody Kennedy and I look forward to helping you along your journey. We have big plans for the year: we want to streamline tutoring services, implement OrgSync (a user-friendly platform that will revolutionize how our campus organizations operate) and progress toward a statewide medical amnesty law, protecting underage students who seek medical attention for a friend who's had too much to drink. In short, we will make #YourEducation, #YourPassion and #YourLife, our priorities.

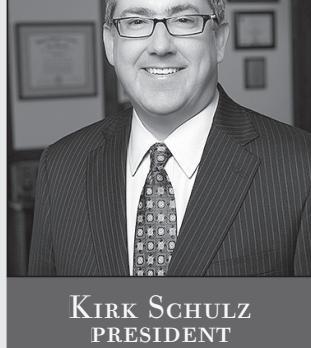
If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, we'd love to hear from you. Stop by and see us in our headquarters at the Office of Student Activities and Services, follow us on Twitter @KStateSBP_SBV, or shoot us an email. It's our job to keep K-State among the best places in the world to get an education, and we'd love your help in setting the course.

Best of luck with the year, and, as always, GO CATS!

Sincerely,
Reagan Kays



REAGAN KAYS
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KIRK SCHULZ
PRESIDENT

Welcome to another year at K-State! To all of our returning students: welcome back to what promises to be another great year. To all of our new students: welcome to the Wildcat family!

It has been a busy summer in Manhattan and on our other campuses as we prepared for the fall semester. You will notice many construction projects causing disruptions to foot traffic and making parking a bit more complex. However, it will all be worth it as these new projects are building the K-State of the future! Among other projects, construction is well underway on an expansion to the Engineering Complex, with work started on Wefald Hall, in addition to our new College of Business Administration building located across from Justin Hall.

We have a lot to offer at K-State, and I urge each of you to become involved in one of our many student organizations. There will be numerous opportunities to provide input into our university's future, and I also ask you to work with our Student Governing Association leaders on ways we can make your campus experience the best it can be.

Finally, the K-State Wildcats will be out in full force this fall, and I urge you to come out and support all of our student athletes as they compete for Big 12 championships.

The secrets to your success for this academic year: go to class, study hard, wear purple every day and be active on campus! Have a great year, and send me those great photos of your campus involvement via Twitter!

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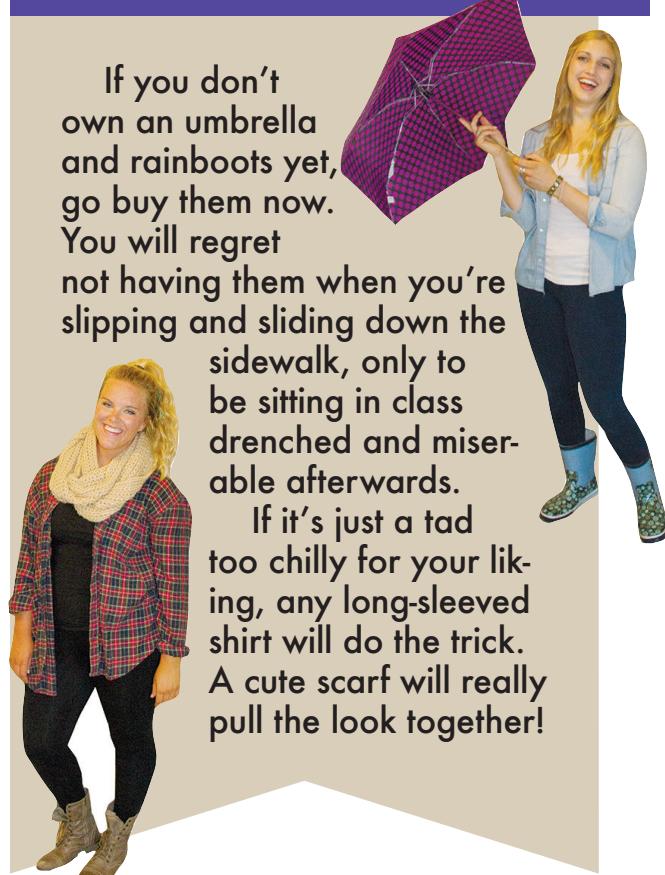
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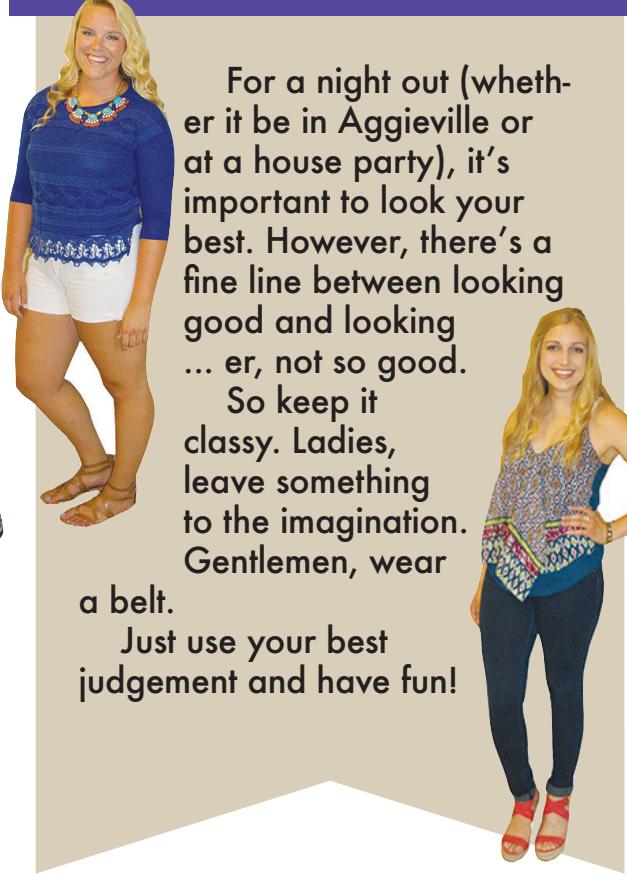
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Sports Notebook:

Looking ahead at K-State Athletics in 2014-15

Two new head coaches is just one of many headlines circling Manhattan this fall

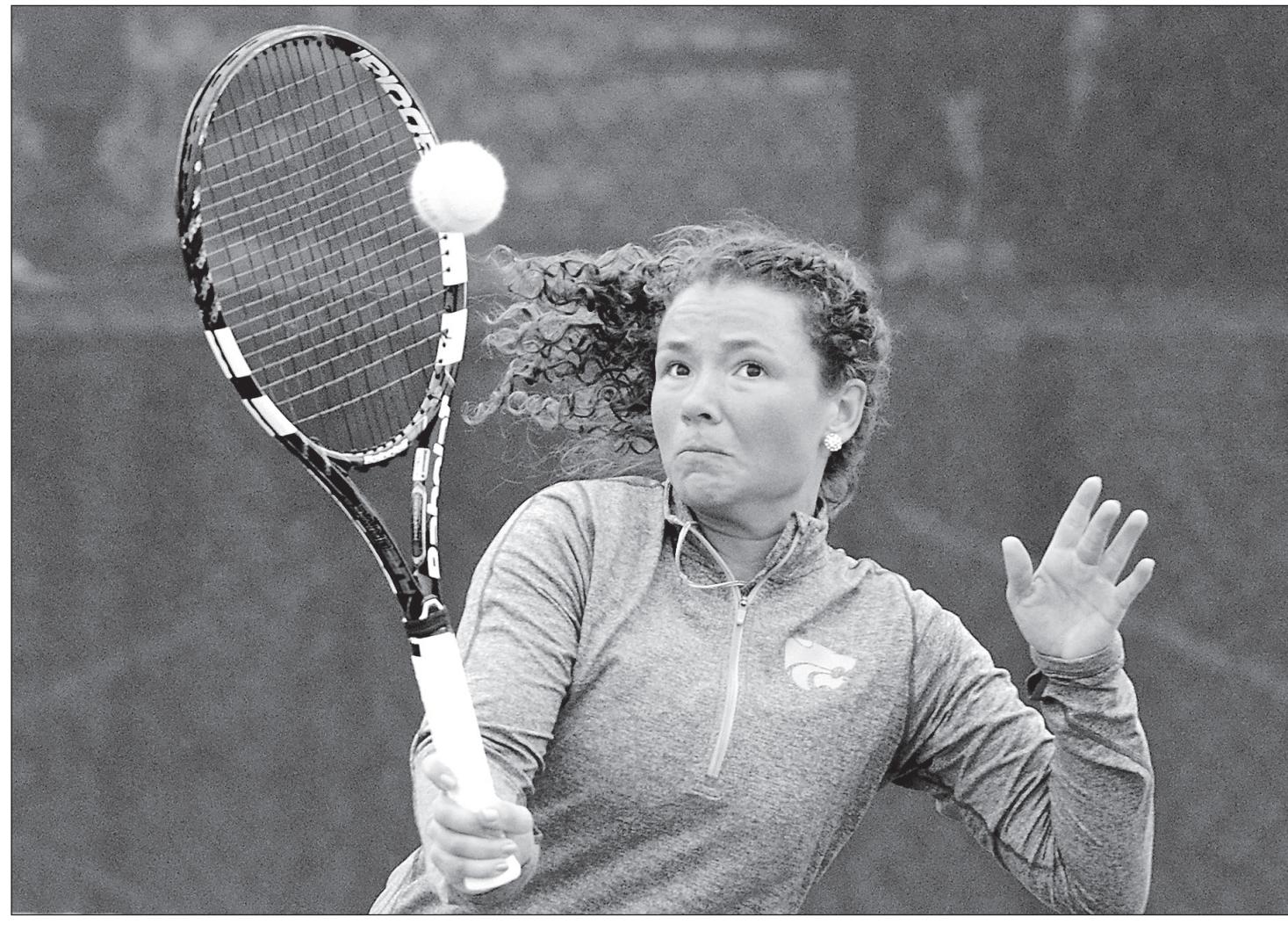
BY ADAM SUDERMAN
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Women's Tennis:

Although new to K-State, first-year head coach Danielle Steinberg is no stranger to the state of Kansas. The Tel Aviv, Israel native received her master's degree in sports management from Wichita State while serving as assistant head coach from 2010-12.

Six players return from last year's 10-13 squad. The team will be anchored by senior Amina St. Hill. She is the lone senior on the roster and garnered a personal best 16-13 record in singles competition as a junior.

The other seven athletes on the roster are either sophomores or freshmen. Overall, six countries are represented on the roster.



from K-State listed on the Big 12 Preseason Team. The Grand Island, Nebraska native led all Big 12 setters in kills, blocks and points. Senior defensive specialist/libero Gina Madonia returns to anchor the backline. She was the first Wildcat to finish with

over 200 digs in a season since 2004.

The Wildcats open the season on August 29 at the University of Green Bay as the projected No. 5 team in the Big 12.

Women's Golf:

Carly Ragains returns as one of two seniors this fall. She finished as the team's leading scorer last season (75.90) while also grabbing two top-10 finishes. The second-team all-Big 12 performer's best finish as a junior came at the BYU Entrada Classic when she finished in a fifth-place tie.

Kristi Knight is entering her 20th season as head coach; she is the longest-tenured coach in the Big 12.

Men's Golf:

Despite losing Daniel Wood, who finished with the sixth best stroke average in school history with 72.43, first-year head coach Grant Robbins arrives this season, bringing valuable experience.

Junior Matt Green tied for the team lead by participating in 12 events in 2012-13. He tallied a 74.85 stroke average and carried a team-best seven rounds at par or under. Green will be joined by senior Kyle Weldon, who scored in all 10 events that he competed in during the 2012-13 season.

Robbins joins the Wildcat program after spending 11 seasons at Memphis and has been a head coach for 15 years. The season will open on Sept. 15 in Monterey, California.



PARKER ROBB, JED BARKER | THE COLLEGIAN

TOP RIGHT: Junior **Amina St. Hill** returns a volley to Oklahoma's Emma Devine in St. Hill's defeat of Devine and K-State's loss to the Sooners at the Mike Coss Tennis Stadium March 28. Hill will be the lone senior this year with a young team to lead.

BOTTOM RIGHT: K-State junior **Kyle Weldon** puts during the second day of the Jim Colbert Intercollegiate at Colbert Hills Golf Club in Manhattan on Oct. 1, 2013. Weldon will be returning for his senior year, along with junior Matt Green.

Danielle Kemper and sophomore Chelsea Buttermore.

After falling in the second round of last season's NCEA National Championships, the team will benefit from a roster that saw little turnover. Only five seniors depart from the 49 listed competitors last season.

Cross Country:

An opportunity for a bounce back season awaits the Wildcat runners. For the first time since 2007, zero athletes from the program competed in the NCAA Championships.

The women's side will be anchored by senior Laura Galvan and junior Mary Frances Donnelly. At last season's Midwest Regional Championships, Galvan finished 16th with a time of 20:54.20 and Donnelly placed 44th with a time of 21:30.50.

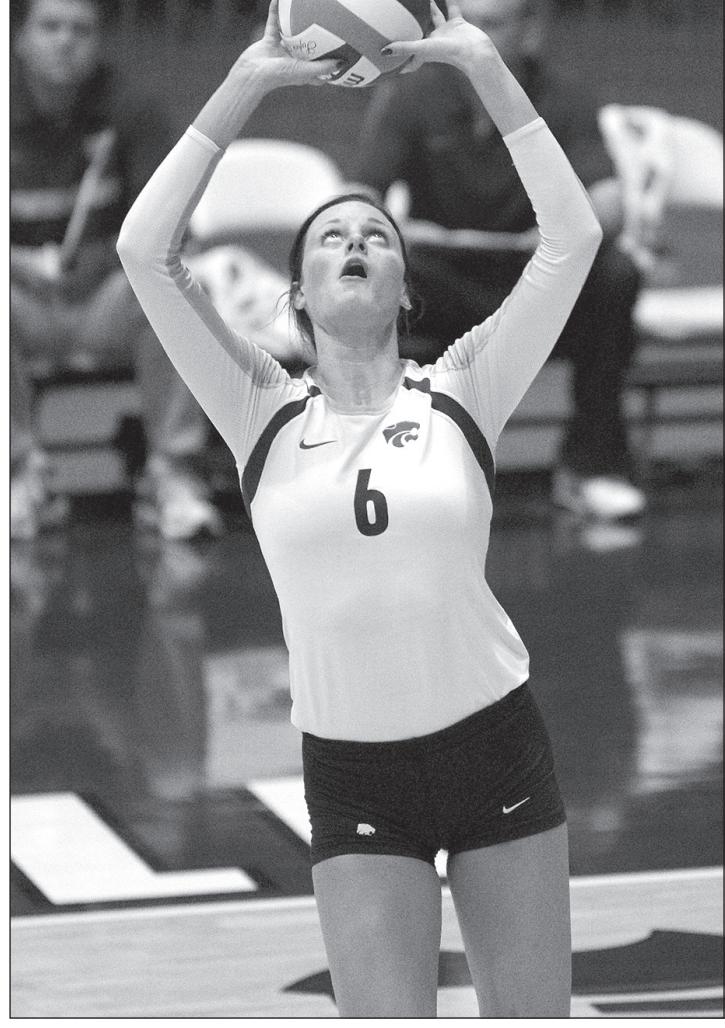
The men's team will be led by senior Fernando Roman, who also closed the season by competing in the Midwest Regional Championships. Roman finished 131st with a time of 32:53.39.

Competition opens on Sept. 6 at Wichita State for the J.K. Gold Classic Duals.

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TOP LEFT: K-State redshirt freshman **Katie Brand** sets the ball against TCU at Ahearn Field House in Manhattan on Oct. 5, 2013. Brand is one of the returning starters and is the only player from K-State listed on the Big 12 Preseason Team.

BOTTOM LEFT: Then-sophomore **Mary Frances Donnelly** crosses King's Bridge at the Rim Rock Invitational in Lawrence on Oct. 5, 2013. Donnelly, now a junior, and senior Laura Galvan will anchor the Cross Country team this season on the women's side.



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Cancer (June 21 - July 22)
Try to tune out the rising public panic about the Ebola virus and, instead, focus on more practical and immediate personal health concerns. For example, how many people do you think have peed on the mattress in your dorm room?



Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)
Oh man, Leo, maybe those early morning classes weren't such a good idea after all. Except for the post-class coffee shop visits, I mean. It's entirely due to your patronage that they will now be serving cappuccino in 20-gallon buckets with a garden hose.



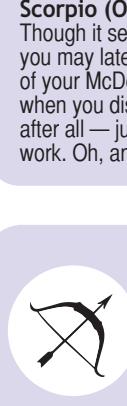
Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
Starting the semester off by getting proper nutrition — good for you, Virgo! If gelatin is made from horses and vodka is made from potatoes, that means that those 3 Jell-O shots totally count as a serving of protein and vegetables ... right?



Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)
You will have a close encounter with a mysterious stranger this week: either a surprise romantic liaison or a hit-and-run with a campus longboarder. The stars cannot say.



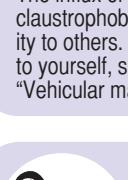
Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
You may need to cut back on spending. Start with your student credit card and a pair of scissors.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)
Though it seemed like a nice gesture at the time, you may later regret giving that homeless man half of your McDonald's bacon cheeseburger. Especially when you discover that he's actually not homeless after all — just one of your new professors walking to work. Oh, and he's a vegetarian.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
After becoming lost in Hale library, you may discover a small civilization of tiny people in KU gear living under the poetry section in the stacks. The K-State Illuminati is advising the stars to tell you to not investigate this matter further.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)
The influx of new people to campus has you feeling claustrophobic and agitated with the sudden proximity to others. Perhaps try reciting a calming mantra to yourself, such as, "Put the crowbar down," or "Vehicular manslaughter is wrong."



Aries (March 21 - April 19)
Someone close to you may have something new and special to share with you. Use protection.



Taurus (April 20 - May 20)
When life closes one door, it is usually slammed in your face. It will then open another door, from which attack dogs will be released. Run.



Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
Travel will play an important role in your life this week when you forget where you parked your car and wander the Z Lot aimlessly for several hours before giving up and walking to Hy-Vee.

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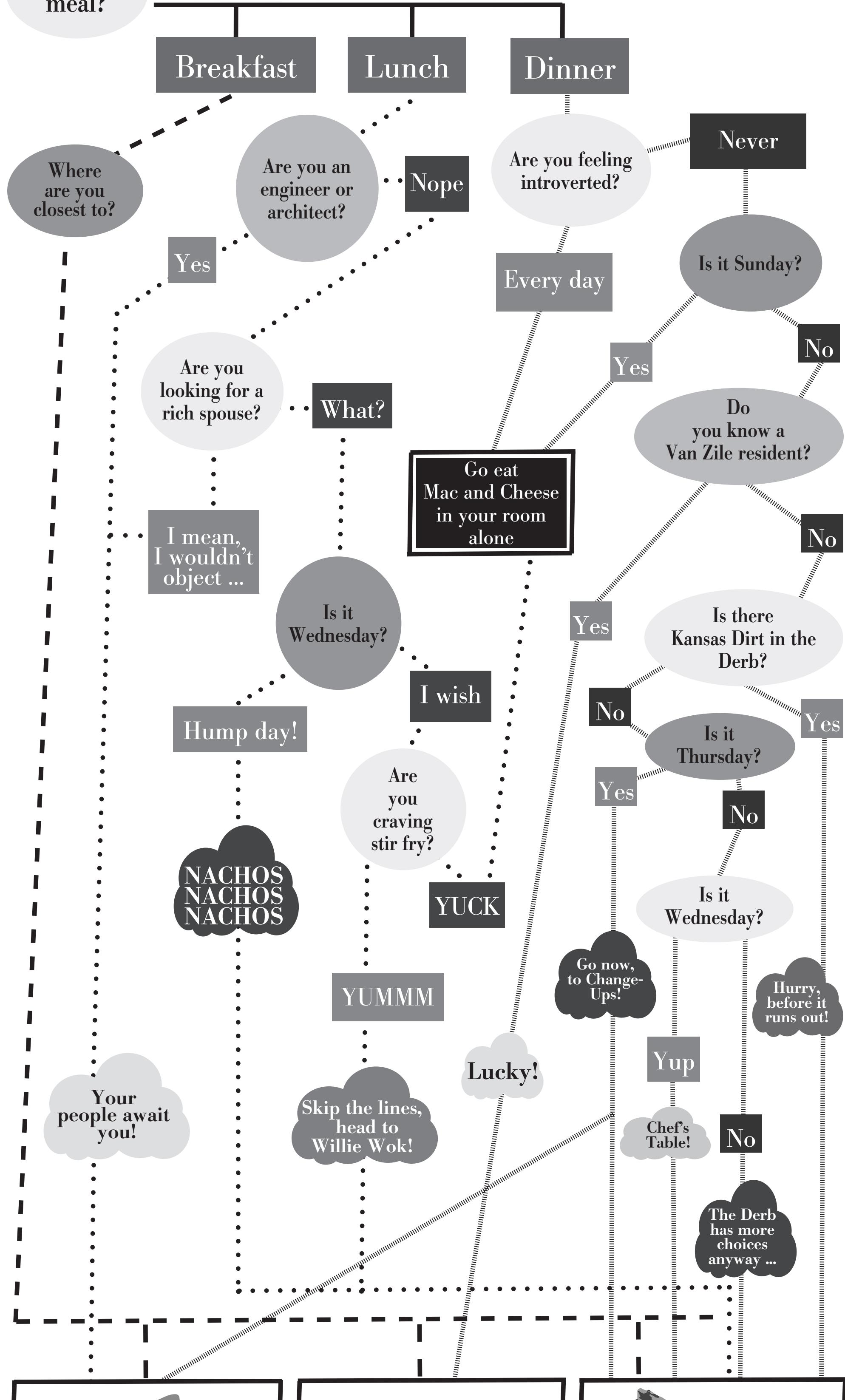
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9 pieces of completely candid advice for new and incoming students



IRIS LOCOCO
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Look, I'm going to be blunt with you here: The most useful pieces of advice that you could possibly get as an incoming student are the ones that people are either too nice—or not allowed—to tell you.

Thankfully, I'm not an official university representative and I'm not trying to sell you anything, so I'm free to give you the most helpful advice I can, free of the burden of having to seem like a "positive influence" upon the impressionable young. I'm by no means an expert, but I've been at this college thing awhile now, and so I feel at least somewhat qualified to offer a few helpful hints.

1. Be tolerant of the people you are living with

Unless you are lucky enough to live on your own off campus, or manage to score a single room in the residence halls, you will likely have to deal with difficult roommates at some point.

Look, I get it: your roommate is super weird, their collection of potato chips shaped like Steve Buscemi's face really freaks you out, and they make jello in their underwear at 4 o'clock in the morning. We've all been there. But no matter how strange, smelly, or generally unlikeable your roommate is, don't attempt to retaliate with your own unsavory behavior (and yes, this includes passive-aggressive status updates and sub-tweeting).

If you live in the residence halls, your Resident Assistant has been specially trained to deal with these situations, and there is no shame in showing up at your RA's door and telling them, "I'm having some trouble getting along with my roommate. Can we talk?"

Your RA can help you develop strategies for navigating your difficult living situation, or assist you in filing for a room transfer if the situation is truly unsalvageable. However, this should be a last resort. Unfortunately, dealing kindly with people whom you find strange or unpalatable is an important part of normal adult life, and the sooner you master this skill, the better.

2. If you have any kind of problem brewing, get help now, before it's too late

Maybe you breezed through high school and never learned how to study or do research properly. Maybe you have an underlying physical or mental health problem that you chose not to (or couldn't) seek help for before. Maybe you struggle with depression or anxiety or body image issues or navigating social situations.

My advice is the same: Get help, and get it now. College is a never-ending torrent of new emotions and experiences, and if you have some sort of underlying problem that's gone unaddressed, your first year will tear that wide open.

You might be embarrassed about having to visit the writing

help center or make an appointment with counseling services, but your senior self—and your GPA—will thank you later.

3. College is not for everyone

Really. It's not. Not only is college not for everyone, but many people don't realize their mistake until several years and \$20,000 too late. While a college education can be extremely beneficial and rewarding for those who choose to seek one, there are many who aren't ready emotionally, don't see the need for one, or simply don't thrive in the college environment.

You've decided to give college a try—and that's great! But if at the end of your first year you find yourself unsure if college is the right place for you, there is no shame in taking some time off to reconsider if this is

during a lecture, scolded you and asked you to leave, and now you've flunked the exam and might have to retake the class over again.

There are many viable solutions to this conundrum, and absolutely none of them are "the class is too hard because the instructor is stupid meanie jerk face who likes to laugh evilly while watching students suffer." Even if the class is legitimately difficult, your personal feelings about what kind of person your professor is (or vice-versa) have next to nil to do with your ability to succeed in class.

If you spent even half of the effort on studying the course material as you did finding a way to banish Professor Satan back to the fiery pits from whence they crawled, you might not have failed that exam so abysmally.

"But you don't understand!"

if you keep doing the thing, you'll end up someplace you don't want to be? And then did you keep doing the thing anyway because "Oh well, I've already invested this much time/money/emotional energy. I might as well just see this thing through," even though the most likely outcome was undesirable and probably preventable?

If that situation sounds at all familiar to you, congratulations! You have experienced the sunk cost fallacy in action! If at any point in your life you begin to feel that you current course of action is going to lead to an outcome that is undesirable (for any reason), the most logical course of action is always to change course. (Juniors who are vacillating about changing majors, I am looking straight at you.)

Why? Because you're never going to get back the time,

fortable in their own skin, and want to be respected as people.

There will always be people you don't like—that's not bound to change any time soon. Some people just aren't your cup of tea, and that's OK. But when you meet someone you don't particularly care for, leave them be, and don't gossip about them or loudly trash on them in front of your friends. Your choice not to associate with them has already told everyone everything they need to know about your personal opinion of them.

9. Don't do work without compensation

By compensation, I mean the green stuff. You are now a (hopefully somewhat) functioning adult with your own unique set of skills and abilities. If you are doing a job that makes use of that skill set, you should be

As you become an adult, it is perfectly natural to discover that you might have values and beliefs that are fundamentally different from those of the people who raised you.

what you really want (or need) to do to get where you want to be in life.

Be honest with yourself, and take the time and the space you need to consider whether or not a 4-year college is right for you. For some, college is a blessing and an opportunity. For others, it is a mistake. A really, really expensive mistake.

4. You are probably going to do something that worries or disappoints your parents, and that's OK

Whether it's making the decision to stop going to church on Sundays, to going on a Spring Break blowout to Bora Bora with your roommates, to deciding to get your first tattoo, it's almost inevitable: you are going to do something in the next few years that will make your family cringe with worry. And that's perfectly OK.

Making decisions that your family might not entirely agree with or support is a normal part of growing up. As you become an adult, it is perfectly natural to discover that you might have values and beliefs that are fundamentally different from those of the people who raised you.

As long as you aren't putting yourself or anyone else in danger (or, y'know, doing something that's actually illegal), exploring these different beliefs and ideas is a perfectly normal part of becoming a functioning adult.

The privilege of adult decision-making comes with adult consequences of course, and sometimes, you might find that your family was right all along... and at other times, you may find that they were entirely mistaken.

It's up to you to find out for yourself.

5. Your professor is not a jerk. You're probably just a crappy student

Look, I get it: your professor caught you playing Farmville

You lament, "They gave us four pages of essays to write! That's evil!"

Never mind the fact that they probably enjoy writing your exam questions probably about as much as you enjoy answering them...after all, your instructors are people with friends, families, and Netflix queues just like everyone else.

The next time you feel the urge publicly shout pejoratives about a difficult instructor, just think about how awful your instructor probably feels when they find out that their students find growing imaginary corn more interesting than the work that they've chosen to focus their entire life on. (And then put your iPhone down and do your reading, you lazy crybaby.)

6. Be the CEO of your own life

You are the Chief Executive Officer of the Company of You. As the CEO, you are allowed to promote or demote anyone you please, at any time, and for any reason. You are allowed to fire people whenever you like, without prior notice or promise of severance benefits.

Unfortunately, whether it's a lousy friend, a manipulative family member, or a less-than-stellar romantic partner, cutting bad relationships out of your life will never be entirely painless, but the important thing to remember is this: You do not owe anyone an explanation for your choice to end an unhealthy relationship.

As you grow and mature, you will become better and determining which people are toxic to you and which ones are worth keeping in your life, but always remember that you do not owe anyone an apology for making decisions that are in the best interest of The Company of You.

7. Beware the Sunk-Cost Fallacy

Have you ever started doing a thing only to later realize that

money, and energy that you have invested into a doomed endeavor—those resources are lost to you whether you see the outcome through to the end or not. And since the resources you sunk into your doomed endeavor are lost forever anyway, what's the point in adding insult to injury by accepting an undesirable result on top of it?

Extricating your own behavior patterns from fallacious thought practices is easier said than done, but it's something that gets easier with experience, and the sooner you learn to identify these patterns, the better off you'll be.

8. What do you call a skinny blond girl wearing a short dress and a Bump-It?

Her name, I hope. And if you don't, you are going to have a very serious problem very, very quickly.

I understand that we all have our prejudices and preconceptions about different groups of people, and there is no shortage of different types of people around campus: there are people who go out partying every weekend, and people who never want to touch a drop of alcohol in their lives; there are people who think leggings are definitely pants, and people who wouldn't be caught dead wearing them with a tunic shirt; there are people who love hanging out at the country bars and line-dancing in their work boots, and people who are more comfortable hanging out in a dark basement listening to indie bands; there are people who live for Greek life, and people who would never consider joining a chapter in their wildest dreams; there are people who choose to date and have sex, and people who choose not to.

What do all of these people have in common? They are all students at K-State who are

doing the best they can with the resources they have to feel com-

getting paid—and no, being paid in "experience" or "exposure" doesn't count. Practice this phrase: "I'm sorry, I don't accept jobs without fair monetary compensation for my time and effort." Recite it like a mantra.

Tattoo it on your forehead (not really). If a prospective employer would pay a non-student worker for the same job, then they should be paying you as well. Beware of employers and other adults in your life who

attempt to use the "student" label to belittle you or make light of your accomplishments or skills.

Anyone who condescends to you because of a perceived experience gap will not respect you or your work, and is probably not worth your time. Though there are many fields (such as the arts) where unpaid internships are the surest path to a permanent career, but do not make this choice lightly, and think very hard about why exactly it is that you are so

willing to work for an employer who doesn't think your work is worthy of fair monetary compensation. You are an adult. You should be paid like one.

When I look back on my first few years in college, it was a lot like a roller coaster ride: its ups and down will in equal parts thrill and terrify you, the loops you'll be thrown for can be disorienting but ultimately really fun, and you will likely encounter more than one puddle of puke along the way. With any luck, the entire car won't derail and you and your fellow students will all reach their intended destinations safely, and be able to pick up some fun souvenir photos on your way out. Sit down, buckle up, and keep your hands and feet inside the ride at all times. Welcome to K-State, Wildcats!

Iris LoCoco is a senior in art history and pre-law who has goofy hair and is not cool or funny at all. Please send all comments to opinion@kstate-collegian.com.

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On-campus jobs keep students close to classes, opportunities

By SCOTLAND PRESTON
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Whether it's to pay for tuition or to have a little extra spending money, many students look for part-time jobs while in college. A variety of departments at K-State provide opportunities for students to stay on campus while working.

Housing and Dining Services is the largest opportunity for students to gain a position, with more than 800 jobs available including those in food service and resident assistance, according to the Career and Employment Services website.

Gus Lamb, junior in agronomy, worked as a community assistant in the residence halls last year and said he would recommend the job. Between living and working on campus, he said he enjoyed the amount of new people he got to meet and the close proximity to his classes.

"On-campus jobs are more

likely to work with your hours and be more flexible," Lamb said. "They also offer good on-campus contacts and connections."

Housing and Dining Services also offers food service jobs. Dishan Nahitiya, sophomore in computer engineering, works in the Derby Dining Center.

Nahitiya said he recommends a job where you can work and study in the same place. He said one benefit is the lack of traveling expenses when you work on campus, as well as taking classes.

Another option for students looking for on-campus work is with a specific college. Lexie Hays, junior in mass communications, said she was hired by the College of Arts and Sciences her freshman year and continues to work there.

"I love this job because it doesn't require working nights or weekends, and I got to know little things about K-State," Hays said.

She also said she agreed that working on campus provides opportunities to meet many more people.

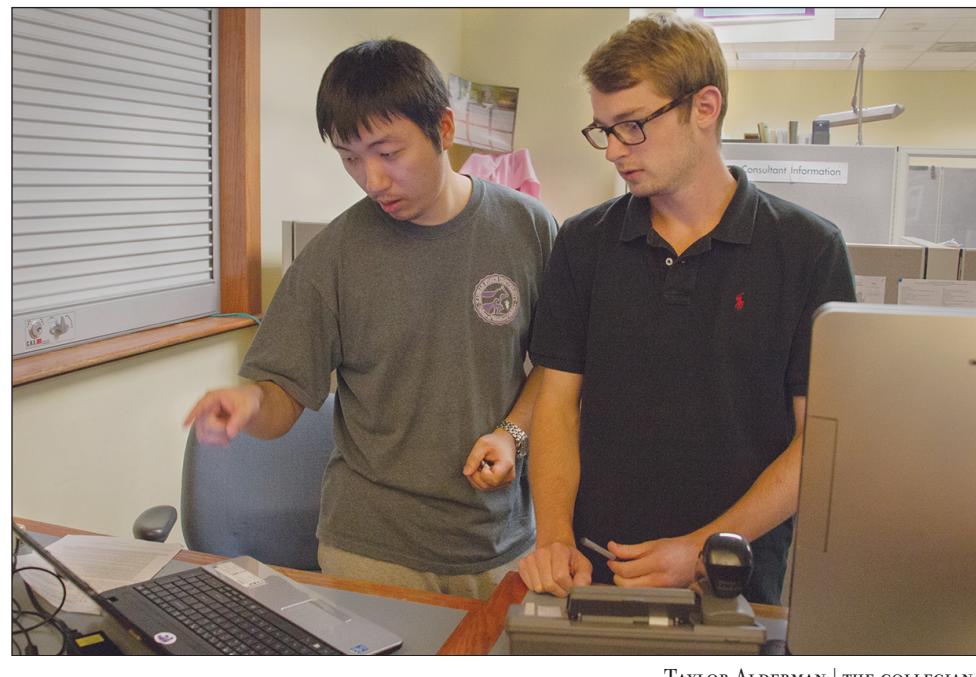
"I have made many great connections through my job (at the College of Arts and Sciences) that I can hopefully keep in my post-graduate career," Hays said.

Hays said she recommends students get an on-campus job, noting that it may even help students find a major.

"Working an on-campus job made me step out of my comfort zone and really got the ball rolling for my career choice," Hays said.

K-State's Career and Employment Services lists several employment opportunities available to students on their website including positions with Housing and Dining Services; K-State Athletics; the K-State Student Union; Hale Library; Facilities; Information Technology Services; Animal Sciences; and the Departments of Biology and Agronomy.

K-State Athletics is another large employer at K-State, with 350 student employee positions including ushers, ticket takers, security, clean-up workers and



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Hongfu Chen, senior in biology, discusses information about fixing a computer with **Graham Krizek**, senior in operations management, at the IT desk in Hale Library on Aug. 11. K-State offers many on-campus jobs that give students unique opportunities to work with other students while staying close to their classes.

stage hands.

Pat Bosco, vice president for student life and dean of students, said K-State's Career and Employment Services office does a wonderful job of posting student employment opportunities.

"Students working with moderation not only helps with their bills but could add focus and time management," Bosco said.

A complete list of open on-campus jobs is available to all

students by activating their Career and Employment Services accounts. Using their K-State eIDs and passwords, students can search for jobs and even receive email notifications when new jobs are posted.



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Taco Lucha



While *The Little Apple* boasts no shortage of delicious restaurants, these are just a few of the very favorites among students and locals ...

Levi MaVorhis, junior in secondary education, finishes his meal at the Little Grill on Aug. 12. MaVorhis said he recommends the "Double Trouble" dish.



Little Grill

Audrey Hitchcock, sophomore in kinesiology, and **Alex Nepote**, junior in health and nutrition, finish a meal at So Long Saloon on Aug. 12. Hitchcock said she recommends the "Chipotle Raspberry Bean Dip."

So-Long Saloon



Located just off of Poyntz Avenue, The Chef is a popular brunch destination among students and locals alike. Though the wait is usually length, many stick it out for the restaurant's Bloody Marys and Mimosas.

The Chef



Marcus Baysinger, junior in entrepreneurship, and **Victoria Campbell**, freshman in elementary education, snack on vegetables and hummus while they wait for their meals at Little Apple Brewing Co. on Aug. 12. Campbell said she recommends the restaurant's "Mediterranean Steak Salad."

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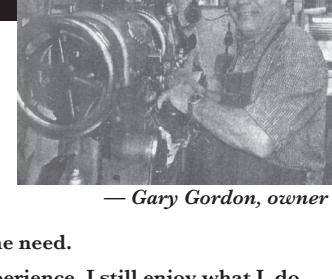


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BOOKS | Renting or buying textbooks (new or old) requires foresight

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Buying used books either from friends or online vendors has become incredibly easy over the years. At K-State, you can find multiple Facebook groups, Craigslist posts and websites dedicated to facilitating book sales between students where prices are often lower than those at the campus bookstore. Online

vendors also often include ratings, the condition of the book and special offers which may factor into making a decision that is right for you.

Buy older versions:

Buying an older version of a textbook is another good option, but it is also a bit tricky. In some cases, the change in content between an

older and newer version of a textbook is minimal. When this is the case, it is easy to coordinate with the teacher and other students to bridge the gap between the two versions. In other cases, the newer version of a textbook can be vastly different from the older version and bridging the gap becomes a lot more difficult. The best way to determine

if buying an older version is worth it is talking to your instructor before you buy it.

Considering when to buy new:

While renting or buying used books can save you money, for some classes buying a new book might be worth the cost. Textbooks for certain classes such as core classes

in your major could be useful as reference materials beyond the duration of the semester or even your time in college. In these cases, textbooks should be treated as an investment in your future rather than a burden to be borne during the semester.

Ultimately, it all comes down to asking yourself whether the cost is worth the

benefit. Buying a new textbook is incredibly convenient and the most effective way to stay up to date in class. However, it is also often extremely expensive. By spending a bit more time planning, researching and coordinating with other students and teachers, you can save a lot of money on a necessary expense while acquiring valuable information.

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BOUNCING BACK



Running back Daniel Thomas (8) and defensive end Brandon Harold (91) carry flags as they lead the team out of the tunnel before K-State's game against Central Florida. The Wildcats will be back in action tonight when they take on in-state rival Kansas in Lawrence.

Wildcats look to regroup in Sunflower Showdown

Ashley Dunkak
signer editor

Tonight's game at Memorial Stadium in Lawrence features two teams looking to start fresh and prove themselves all over again. Kansas is coming off a loss to K-State a couple weeks ago and Kansas has been in the shadow of a 55-14 loss to the Jayhawks and a loss to West Virginia. The in-state rivals meet this evening, all bets are off. K-State head coach Bill Snyder said he wants his team to regain some of their anger after the loss to Nebraska, they also need to move on from that loss and focus on conference rival Kansas.

Currently 4-1 on the season, the Wildcats (1-1 in Lawrence) will be their first true road game. They played away from Manhattan for the first time in history at Arrowhead Stadium, but tonight marks the first foray into enemy territory.

"It will definitely be a new atmosphere," said senior center Wade Wetherell. "We're not the first time we've been away from home, so the noise will be something we will have to adjust to among many other things. We have to be prepared to determine how this team will handle ourselves on the road."

The Wildcats (1-1, 0-1 Big 12 Conference) haven't won or lost consecutive games this season. They have been very unpredictable. North Dakota upset them to begin the year, but they bounced back to

defeat No. 15 Georgia Tech the following week.

Despite the inconsistency shown by the Jayhawks so far, K-State head coach Bill Snyder said he feels Kansas is a team capable of more than its record shows.

"I think one of the things the Wildcats have to prepare for is the变通 of the Jayhawks."

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the Jayhawks offensively is similar to what many other teams are doing and is a pretty complete package.

What he refers to as option — aka spread — is something K-State needs to get rid of the ball or to have the quarterback run with it, which forces opposing defenses to change their plays on the fly, he said.

On offense, the Jayhawks have to learn from this," Snyder said. "He also mentioned midrider, gadget plays — different types of re-

watching film from the game against the Huskers was painful for everyone, the goal of the process was to make sure the same thing does not happen again.

"We all knew it was not going to be pretty, so it was not as much punishment as anything else," Snyder said. "We learned from this," Snyder said. "It is definitely hard to watch something like that, but there is no one way to see themselves fail."

For his part, Kansas head coach Turner Gill had a detailed list of what turned wrong when his team lost to K-State 2009 at an electrified Bill Snyder Family Stadium, needs to do better this time around and learned as much in his Monday press conference.

"We have to have an edge in two out of the three phases of the game," Gill said. "It really doesn't matter who we play. We have to be competitive or special teams; we must win that."

Something that is really important for us to get done is that we must move on from the loss to Nebraska," Gill said. "We need to get these turnovers. Whether it's our defense causing turnovers or our offense causing turnovers, we need to move those turnovers in the game. We need to have 10 or less missed tackles. If that is the case, then we will play well defensively."

"Offensively we need to score 28-plus points. We have to have six or less turnovers and 80 knockdowns. We need to be knocking people down and putting them on the floor. We just play physical and we must play with confidence."

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Evaluating alternatives help students set schedules, expand education

BY THEO STAVROPOULOS
THE COLLEGIAN

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"Learning about huge beasts of the past is way more exciting than erosion and climate change," Burton said. "Plus, how many people can say they have studied dinosaurs at the collegiate level?"

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For students new to K-State, life can be crazy here on the campus that ranked eleventh in Business Insider's top twenty most fun colleges in America (five spots above KU). Most students want to try almost everything they can in the first few weeks of school. For those who are quickly filling up their event calendars, here are some you might want to mark on your schedule.

The first week of classes at K-State is full of Week of Welcome events. Events are planned for every day of the week to welcome (back) new and old students and encourage their success. Events include Career and Employment Service's backyard barbecue, Kedziepalooza, the Wildcat Wellness Coalition's 5K Run and Walk, and the Union Expo and Activities Carnival. Although the group of events is

called "Week of Welcome," the last event occurs at the end of the second week of classes.

At the end of the first week of classes is an event called Purple Power Play. According to the event's website, the Purple Power Play originally started in 1988, and had around 200 attendees. Now, it has become a two-day event with more than 20,000 attendees. According to Abby Thompson, junior in music education and clarinet head section leader, the event is really just a big party centered around K-State athletics.

"You see students, you see families down there with their little kids," Thompson said. "It's the trailer for the main event. It really fires you up, not just for football, but for K-State sports in general."

Thompson said that the event is both inspiring and exciting.

"It's the preview for the excitement that surrounds the football games," Thompson said. "You get to hear the coaches talk, you get to hear



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Thomas Eagles, 3, tosses a football at the Riley County EMS booth on Aug. 28, 2013 at Purple Power Play in the Park. People of all ages enjoyed the annual event that kicked off K-State Athletics' fall season.

some of the players talk, and it just fires everybody up. It really does."

The event includes two pep

rallies, the K-State Tap Dance Ensemble, the MHS Pop Choir, free photos with Willie the Wildcat, and a sunset fireworks

display. Purple Power Play ends the night before K-State's first football game of the year against Stephen F. Austin State University.

While every K-State football game matters, this season has some highlights. Our second week matchup against Iowa State is a rarity considering how early in the year the game is. However, most people have decided to turn their attention to our third week game against last year's BCS runners-up Auburn. The game pits Big 12 style football against SEC style football.

"There's some sort of stigma about SEC football," Thompson said. "That it's the holy land of football. It doesn't get better, it doesn't get dirtier (than SEC football). That's the epitome of football."

Thompson said that while K-State will be considered the underdog, they really don't lose anything from this matchup.

"The good news is that we go into this game and we don't have anything to lose," Thompson said. "If it turns out in our favor, people are still going to ignore us. The media is still going to say it was just a fluke. If we lose, it doesn't really affect our final record."

In a statement, Bill Snyder said that while the Auburn

game is important, so is every other game that K-State plays.

"In Auburn we're playing an excellent program, and it will be a marquee game," Snyder said. "But if we don't think Stephen F. Austin is a marquee game, then we're going to have some trouble. That's the last thing I want, and that's the last thing the players want."

Last year, K-State was upset by North Dakota State in its opening game. However, they still managed to end the season with an 8-5 record including a win against Michigan in the Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl.

The next event to watch out for is homecoming week, when K-State students celebrate the return of the Wildcats in the week leading up to their Oct. 25 game against Texas.

During homecoming week, residence halls, scholarship halls, sororities, fraternities, and some campus organizations band together to compete in several events.

"Greek Affairs assigns homecoming pairings," Patrick O'Connor, president of Beta Sigma Psi and senior in chemical engineering said. "Usually it's one of the sororities with two or three of the fraternities."

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Jenny Dolezal, then-senior in biology and member of the sorority Gamma Phi Beta, works diligently on the window assigned to Gamma Phi and their homecoming partners, Farmhouse and Sigma Chi for the homecoming event Paint the Ville on Oct. 23, 2013. Paint the Ville always brings in many viewers to admire all different windows in Aggieville that were painted.

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The week kicks off with the All-University Homecoming Philanthropy 5K Race, the proceeds of which go to Special Olympics Kansas. Later, groups from the residence halls and greek life get together for Pant the Chant and perform large choreographed cheers. At one point during the week, the organizations will paint windows in Aggierville to show their support for K-State and showcase their organizations to the community. They will also perform in Wildcat Request Live, a lip sync and dance competition, and put on a children's carnival in the K-State Student Union. The week leads up to the Homecoming parade and pep rally. The groups create floats, and prizes are awarded for the best floats from different categories. O'Connor says that the competition drives homecoming week.

"That (competition) helps get people involved and

motivated about homecoming and homecoming week," O'Connor said. "It shows off the university to the community and to the alumni."

The last event to watch out for comes on October 24. It's K-State's showing of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." K-State has been showing "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" for over 30 years. The event brings out almost 500 people every year. This year will be Mary Renee Shirk's 15th year as master of ceremonies for the event. She said the experience is very unique.

"This is a movie that's really meant to be seen with audience participation," Shirk said. "People ask what it is, and I say it's a musical about transvestite, cannibal aliens."

Shirk said the event is like Halloween for adults because most people are in costume. She jokes that K-State's "Rocky Horror Picture Show" is when the freaks come out of the woodwork in Manhattan.

"Everybody knows that everything is accepted at Rocky Horror," Shirk said. "Some of it is cosplay stuff, some of it goes with the movies, and some of it is just crazy costumes because UPC does a costume contest. For a lot of grown-up people, this is their Halloween."

Shirk said she enjoys being master of ceremonies and would love to keep hosting the event.

"I figure as long as they keep asking me to do it and as long as I look good in fishnets and boots, I'll keep doing it," Renee said. "Betty White still looks good in fishnets and boots, so I figure I can be 70 and still do it."

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The Rocky Horror Picture Show was held on Oct. 25, 2013 in the K-State Student Union ballroom. It's customary to make a mark on first-time attendees' faces or hands, in order to alert others in the audience of the "virgins."



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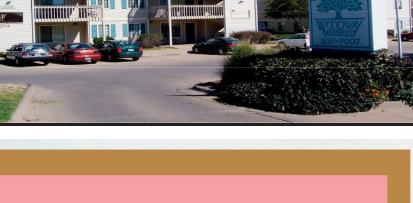


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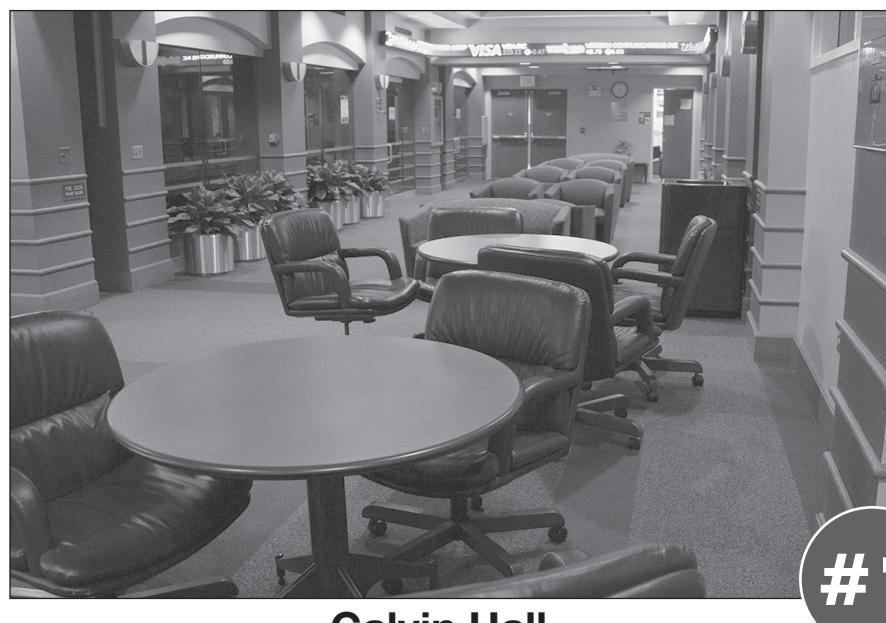
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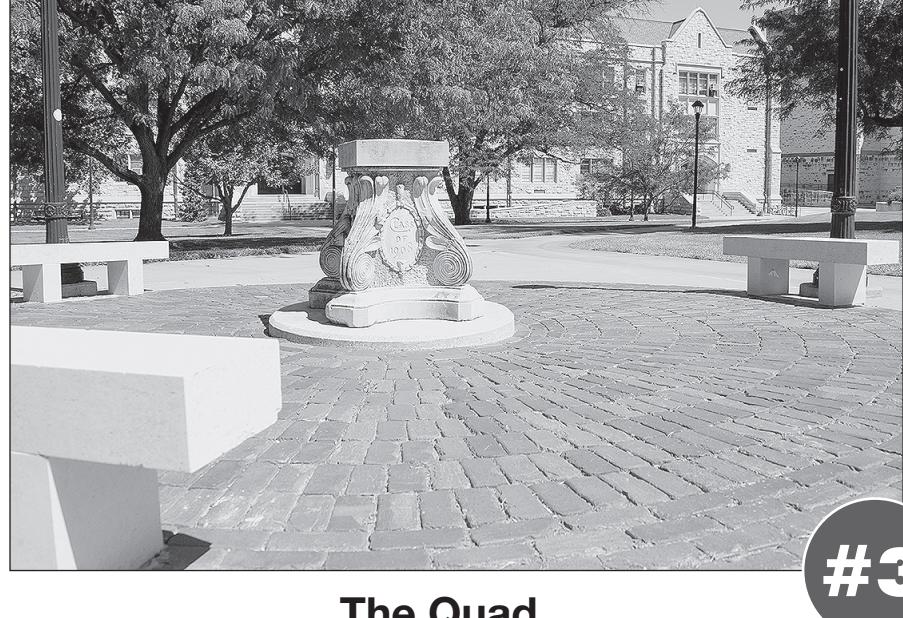
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#1

Calvin Hall

The top floor of Calvin Hall is a study area that boasts lots of seating and is a little bit more secluded.



#3

The Quad

Though there's quite a bit of foot traffic, The Quad is a very open space for studying outside.



#5

Seaton Court

Seaton Court is a unique study place that offers both a more secluded location and fresh air.



#2

Justin Hall

Justin Hall offers excellent facilities and equipment for all K-State students. This building, as well as many others, remain open for students during finals week, providing an exceptional place to get homework and studying done.



#4

3rd Floor, Student Union

The third floor of the K-State Student Union is a popular place to study that is very spacious and, surprisingly, quiet. Perfect place for coordinating a group work session.

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